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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2005,
petition and payment for a three month extension of time being
attached to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
transmittal filed on even date herewith, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Attachments: an executed declaration, nine (9) references cited
in the executed declaration and a copy of a second declaration
filed in related European application are attached following page
17 of this paper.